

REMARKS

This is a divisional application of pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/568,559 filed on March May 09, 2000. This application claims the benefit under Title 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Applications Nos. 60/133,343 filed May 10, 1999.

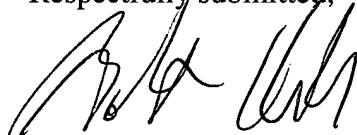
Claims 1-32 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 34-36, newly presented herein, are pending in this application. Claims 34-36 represent subject matter of the claims of Group I identified in the *Election/Restriction* of the Office Action mailed September 13, 2001 in the parent case. Claims 34-36 are fully supported by Applicants' disclosure and introduce no new matter.

It is respectfully requested that the above preliminary amendment be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.115; that this application be considered in view of the above amendment and following remarks; and that all of the claims remaining in this application be allowed.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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